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**In re Application of:**

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**Application No.:** 10/538,642

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**Title:** ALKALI METAL GENERATING AGENT,  
ALKALI METAL GENERATOR, PHOTOELECTRIC  
SURFACE, SECONDARY ELECTRON EMISSION  
SURFACE, ELECTRON TUBE, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING PHOTOELECTRIC SURFACE,  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SECONDARY  
ELECTRON EMISSION SURFACE, AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURING ELECTRON TUBE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Sir:

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A European Search Report dated November 14, 2006 that issued in a corresponding European patent application and having a document cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

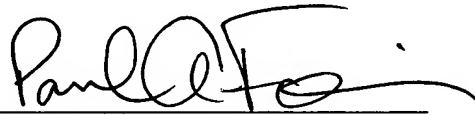
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